



HEALTHY GULF HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

December 5, 2011

Daniel Hahn
Support Alliance for Emergency Readiness
4499 Pine Forest Road
Milton, FL 32583

Dear Mr. Hahn,

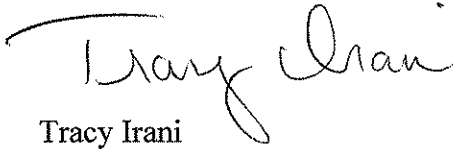
I would like to invite you, as a representative of your community-based organization, to participate as a member of a specially formed steering committee that is being set up to provide guidance to a team of researchers working on a federally funded research project entitled "*Healthy Gulf, Healthy Communities*." This interdisciplinary project will address the environmental, economic, and emotional health concerns arising from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The work of our team of biologists, psychologists, social scientists and community partners is designed to help those living in the Gulf Coast recover and gain resiliency in the face of this and future disasters. This five-year initiative is being supported by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the University of Florida, the University of West Florida, the University of South Alabama, and the University of Maryland.

As a member of our project steering committee, we would like to invite you to provide input and feedback to guide us in our efforts to collect data in areas related to seafood health, individual and community resilience and public health education/outreach. To be as efficient as possible in conserving your time, the steering committee will be asked to participate in two conference calls each year over the life of the project, and to attend, if possible, the project's regional forum, which will be held in late April-early May, 2012 at multiple sites in the Florida/Alabama Panhandle region (travel stipend provided).

Our first conference call is scheduled to take place the week of January 9, 2012. I will be following up with specific instructions, date and time and a meeting agenda closer to the date. In the meantime, if you have questions or are unable to serve, please contact me by phone at 352-273-2588 or email me at: irani@ufl.edu.

To learn more about our project, I have included the project abstract, list of investigators and community partners and timeline. You can also find out more information by visiting the project web site at <http://healthygulfcoast.org>. On behalf of the project team, I want to express our gratitude and appreciation for the work you and your organization are doing in the area, and we look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tracy Irani". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning and a small dot at the end.

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